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For: COATING BLADE AND METHOD)	Confirmation No.: Unassigned
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a national phase filing of International Application No.
PCT/EP2003/007552, filed July 11, 2003.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56,
Applicants submit information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Copies of the International Search Report dated November 12, 2003, and the
International Preliminary Examination Report dated October 28, 2004 are submitted
herewith. Applicants also provide copies of the five (5) items cited in the
International Search Report.

In the International Preliminary Examination Report claims were found to
satisfy the criteria for novelty, inventive step, and industrial applicability.

European Patent No. 1,156,889 also is discussed at Page 8 of the
Specification. The following publications that are also discussed in Applicants'
Specification are provided:

U.K. Patent Application No. 2,130,924 – Page 5.

European Patent No. 0944438 – Page 5.

U.S. Patent No. 6,312,520 – Pages 6, 8, 10 and 12.

A copy of International Publication No. WO 98/26877 entitled "Coating Blade" additionally is provided.

For the convenience of the Examiner, a form PTO-1449 is attached. It is requested that an Examiner-initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned once the above items are considered.

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Kind Code (if known)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Issue/Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)
	4,875,287		CREASY <i>et al.</i>	October 24, 1989
	6,159,547		MCMORDIE <i>et al.</i>	December 12, 2000
	6,312,520		ERIKSSON <i>et al.</i>	November 6, 2001

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	0 944 438		Europe	September 19, 2001							
	2 130 924		Great Britain	June 13, 1984							
	WO 98/26877		International	June 25, 1998							
	WO 00/31346		International	June 2, 2000							
	WO 00/48746		International	August 24, 2000							
	WO 02/066173		International	August 29, 2002							

NON-PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.

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